

# Leytonstone Profit From Cup-Tie Slip-Up

By "CHILTERN"

Leytonstone 4, Wycombe Wanderers 2

**A**N administrative slip-up played a major part in Wycombe Wanderers' failure to reach the second round of the F.A. Amateur Cup competition. For after Paul Bates had cried off with a training injury on Thursday night, the Wanderers left for Leytonstone with only 11 players on Saturday.

And as is always the case in these circumstances, a player was injured and there was no substitute to take his place. In fact the Stones scored their only first-half goal while right-back John Beck was having a twisted knee strapped up in the trainer's cubby.

Beck gallantly returned, but it was obvious that he was in pain, and he limped out the remaining hour in the forward line, where he was more of a nuisance value than effective.

Manager Barry Darvill explained: "We tried to get somebody all morning. We could not get in touch with Brian French, and Viv Busby was away in Wolverhampton having an England youth trial."

I still maintain that had the Wanderers had another man they would have been worth at least a draw. Especially in the first-half their attacks were built up far better than Leytonstone's, and Tony Horseman had three good close-in shots saved either luckily or brilliantly by Tony Mackie.

## MONUMENTAL MISSES

On the other hand Stone's inside-right Ken Gray, usually a ruthless marksman, made three monumental misses when he had only John Maskell to beat.

On one occasion he broke through cleverly on his own and found himself with only Maskell in front of him. Instead of shooting he tried to flick the ball over the 'keeper's head and flipped it miserably wide.

Horseman was always Wycombe's best forward both mid-field and in front of goal. He had half-a-dozen shots saved in the first-half.

## DRAGGED OFF

The second-half was one which left a nasty taste on the mouth. Leytonstone proceeded to use professional-like time wasting methods; a Wycombe fan was dragged protesting from the ground by police for some offence; and the start was delayed while club officials cleared the paper-strewn Leytonstone goal.

The lunatic fringe of the Wycombe crowd who insisted on throwing more once the goal was cleared were warned over the public address system that the referee could stop the game. Leytonstone's first-half goal was scored by lanky centre-forward Peter Diwell. It was a good effort from well-out which went in off a post.

Two minutes after the interval Gray atoned for his first-half misses and stabbed home a Diwell cross while the weakened Wycombe defence was all at sea.

## GALLANT BECK

The game was three-quarters over when Beck halved the Stone's lead. Samuels' first-time shot was partially blocked by Mackie and was going wide. The injured Beck hobbled up and slashed the ball into the far corner with his good leg.

How the well-represented Wycombe fans roared. But six minutes later they were silenced when Stone shot under Maskell's body as the Wycombe defence waited for a handling offence to be blown up.

Wanderers were down but not out, and it was the limping Beck who had a hand in Wy-

combe's second goal. After combining well with Horseman he was tripped in the area by Emms and, in the absence of spot-kick specialist Paul Bates, Horseman converted the penalty kick in skipper-for-the-day style. Wycombe were finally k.o.'d with another Diwell goal straight from the kick-off.

Leytonstone deserved the victory on the day's showing. But it could have been a different tale if Wycombe had had a full complement.

**Leytonstone** — T. Mackie; J. Emms, B. Moffatt; D. Andrews, R. Walker, J. Charles; R. Stone, K. Gray, P. Diwell, B. Cheesewright, B. Harvey.

**Wycombe** — J. Maskell; J. Beck, P. Eyres; B. Baker, I. Rundle, C. Gale; L. Worley, K. Samuels, P. Roystone, T. Horseman, L. Merrick.